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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, and 13-19 are now pending in this application, with claims 1 and 13 being independent claims. Claims 1, 13 and 16 have been amended, while claims 6-12 were canceled.

Regarding the Drawings

In the present official action, replacement drawings submitted on May 3, 2004 of Figures 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 7, 9, 11, 15 and 18 were objected to for missing all reference numbers used in the specifications. Applicants have submitted herewith replacement sheets for these Figures and assert that all missing reference numbers have now been labeled. Applicants therefore request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In The Claims

In the present official action, claims 9 and 16 were objected to for certain informalities. Applicants have canceled claim 9 and have amended claim 16 pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 16 be withdrawn.

In the present official action, independent claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Gallant (US 2002/0131575). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 as now presented overcomes this rejection. In particular, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the "server maintaining for *each of said* at least one of the first devices a *separate* logical device adhering to the first protocol" (emphasis added), support for which can be found at least in reference to Figure 1, elements 24 and page 10, the last paragraph of the present invention. In contrast, the Examiner sets forth that Gallant discloses a single "logical device" (Fig. 4, Box 16) affiliated with PBX 14. As the present invention is not shown, suggested rendered obvious by Gallant, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejections of claims 2-5, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

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In the present official action, independent claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Young et al. (US 2003/0093563). Applicants respectfully assert that claim 13 as now presented overcomes this rejection. In particular, Applicants have amended claim 13 to include "maintaining for each of the one or more devices a separate logical device adhering to the first protocol", support for which can be found at least in reference to Figure 1, elements 24 and page 10, the last paragraph of the present invention. In contrast Young et al. does not teach, disclose or render obvious the present invention as currently claimed in claim 13. As the present invention is not shown, suggested rendered obvious by Young et al., Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejections of claims 14-19, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 13, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 13, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned at 512-306-8533.

Respectfully submitted,

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